The prices fetched by the Coffee Board during the current year as compared to prices fetched in the auctions in the last two years are as under :—

Grades	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 (up to Nov. '94) Rate per tonne—In Rs.
Plant A	33,823.00	42,384.00	1,00,343.00
Ar. Chy. AB . . .	29,938.00	38,270.00	91,442.00
Rob. Chy. AB . .	26,228.00	32,054.00	81,314.00

Import of Hops

1801. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hops are imported in different forms viz liquid (concentrated), pellets and cones (dried flowers) ; and

(b) if so, how much Hops, both in quantity and value-wise are being imported in the current year in order to meet the evergrowing demand of Indian Breweries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir, Hops' in any form is freely importable item under the current Export Import Policy 1992—97.

(b) As per the provisional figures furnished by the Director General Commercial Intelligence & Stastics, Calcutta quantities and value of Hops imported during current year i.e. 1994-95 are as follows (up to June, 1994):—

	Qty. (Tons)	Value (Rs. lakhs:
1. Hop cones, fresh/dried neither ground nor powdered nor in the form of pellets.	11	24.97
2. Hop cones, fresh/dried, ground, powdered or in the form or pellets; luputin.	35	61.98
3. Saps and extracts of Hops.	12	32.34

End use-wise data, however, is not available.

Trade Relations with Romania

1802. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have established trade relations with Romania;

(b) if so, the areas in which Indo-Romanian trade has been established;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to expand trade relations with that country ; and

(d) if so, the new areas identified there for ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our major items of export to Romania have included iron ore, cotton, oil meals, spices, cashew & leather. Our major items of import have included fertilisers, artificial resins, newsprint, machinery, transport equipment **and** project goods.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to expand trade relations both sides have identified **a** promising scope for co-operation inter-alia in tourism, computer hardware & software, drugs & pharmaceuticals, petrochemical* and metallurgy.

Trade Cap between India and Nepal

1803. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to (tate :